Windows 10 Clean Install

Windows 10 clean install step-by-step printable guide

In this tutorial, we will show you how to perform a clean installation of Windows 10. This method will install new Windows and remove everything from your PC.
To do this you will need:

- [Windows 10 installation USB](#)
- A PC that can boot from USB and is compatible with Windows 10

1. After you have created a bootable USB for installation you need to boot your computer from it. By using your computer's Boot Menu or BIOS/UEFI setup utility (by setting USB as the primary boot device).

2. If you set up the boot correctly the installer might prompt you to press any key to start the setup.
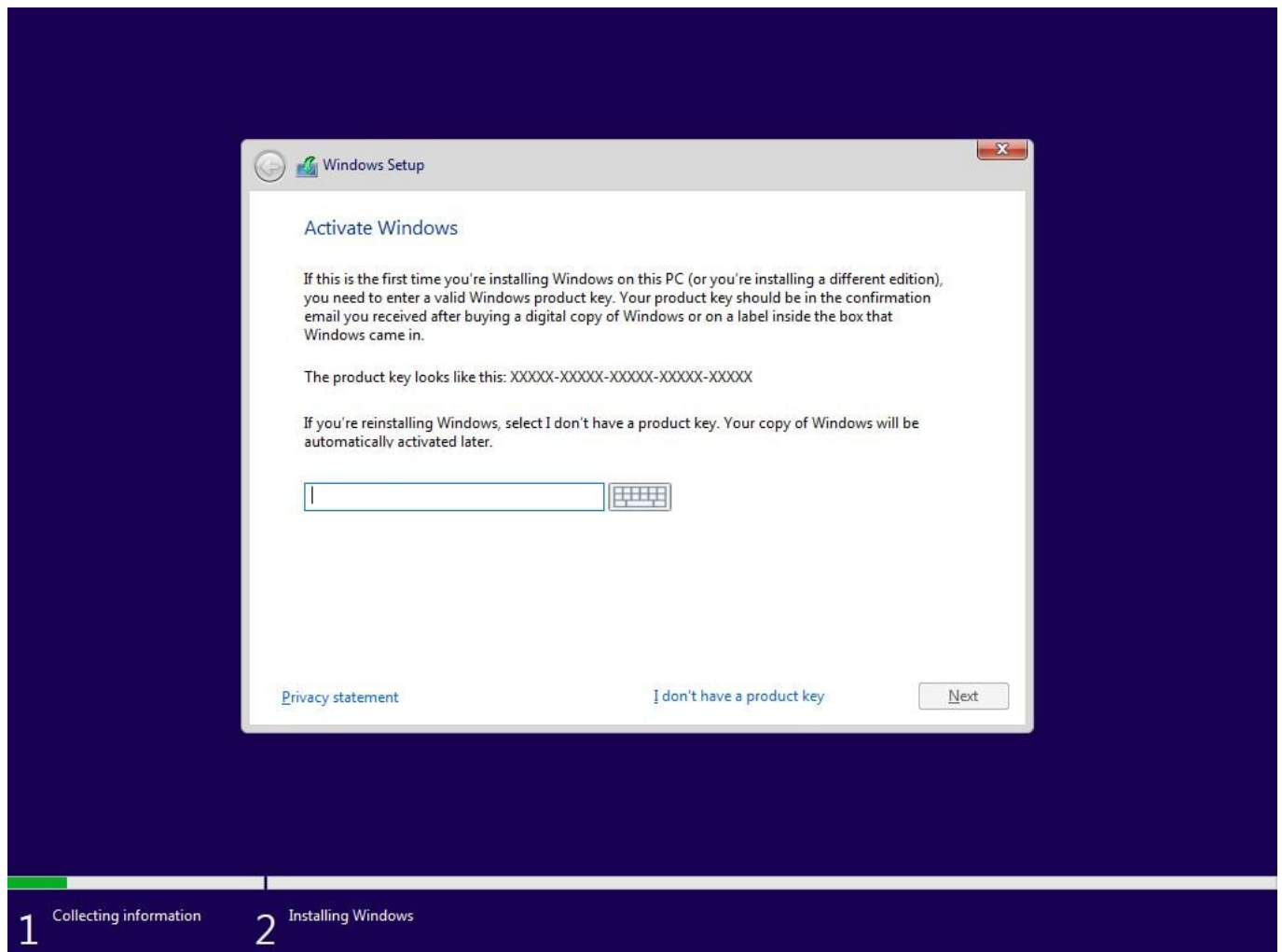

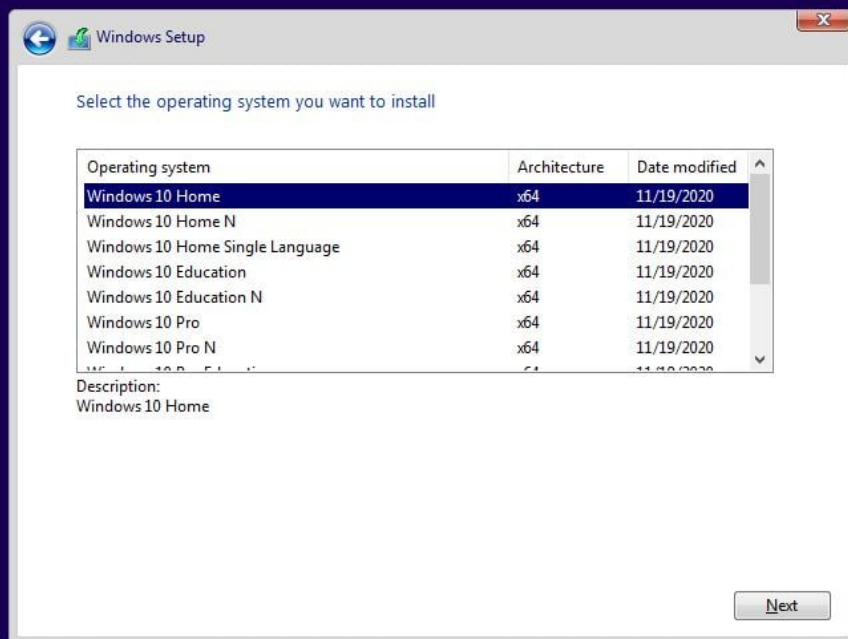3. Select Language, Time and currency format and input method and press "Next".

4. Click "Install now".

5. Enter your product key and click "Next". If you want you can skip this step and enter the license later by clicking "I don't have a product key" at the bottom. If you need a key right now, we sell budget priced, fully legal [recycled product license keys](#)

6. If you have entered the license in the previous step please proceed with step 7. If you clicked on "I don't have a product key" you need to select the edition of Windows that you want to install. Keep in mind to select the proper version of Windows such as Home or Pro do not select any other version and click "Next".
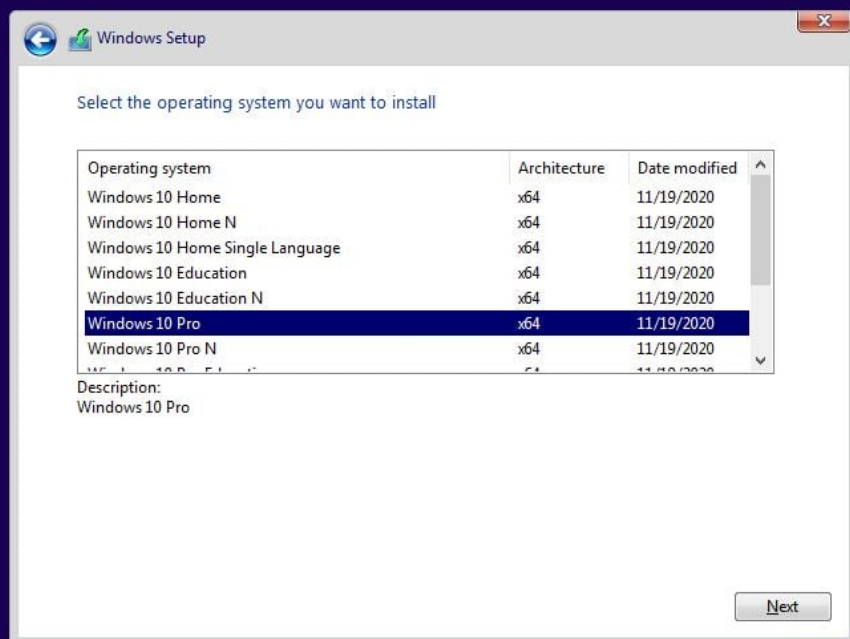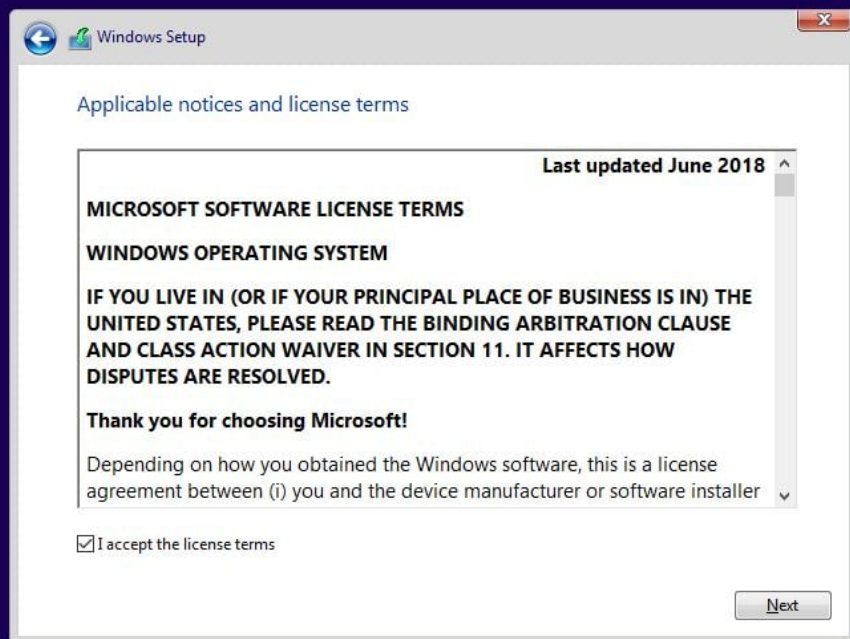
Windows Setup

Select the operating system you want to install

Operating system	Architecture	Date modified
Windows 10 Home	x64	11/19/2020
Windows 10 Home N	x64	11/19/2020
Windows 10 Home Single Language	x64	11/19/2020
Windows 10 Education	x64	11/19/2020
Windows 10 Education N	x64	11/19/2020
Windows 10 Pro	x64	11/19/2020
Windows 10 Pro N	x64	11/19/2020

Description:
Windows 10 Home

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7. Now accept the license terms and click "Next".
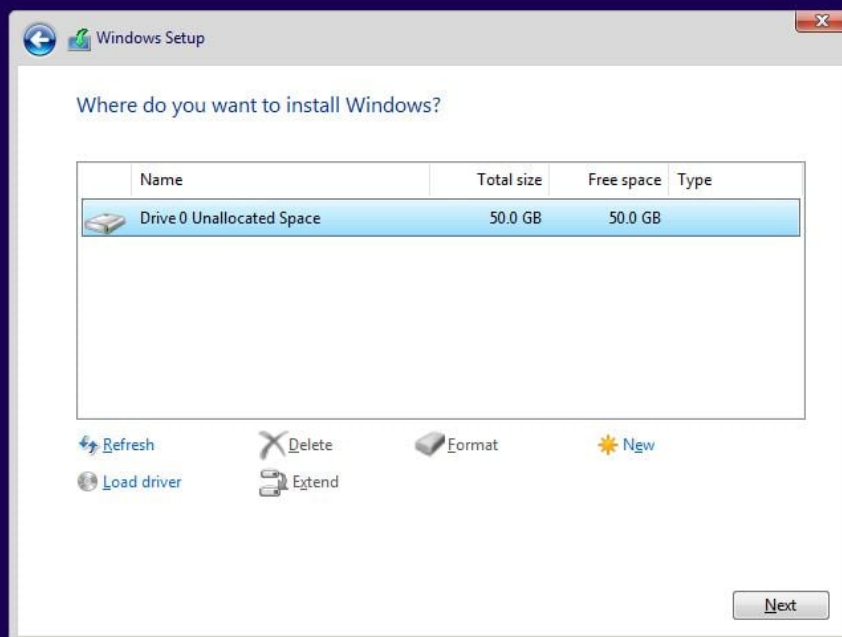
8. Because this is a Windows 10 clean install, not an upgrade, click on "Custom Install".

9. You will see a list of current partitions. You need to click on each partition and then click on "Delete" at the bottom. Once you delete all partitions you will be left only with "Drive 0 Unallocated Space", highlight it, and click "Next".

10. The installation process will start. Please make sure that if you have a laptop it is plugged into the power source. Your computer will restart at least once during this process, also it might take a while depending on your computer processing power.
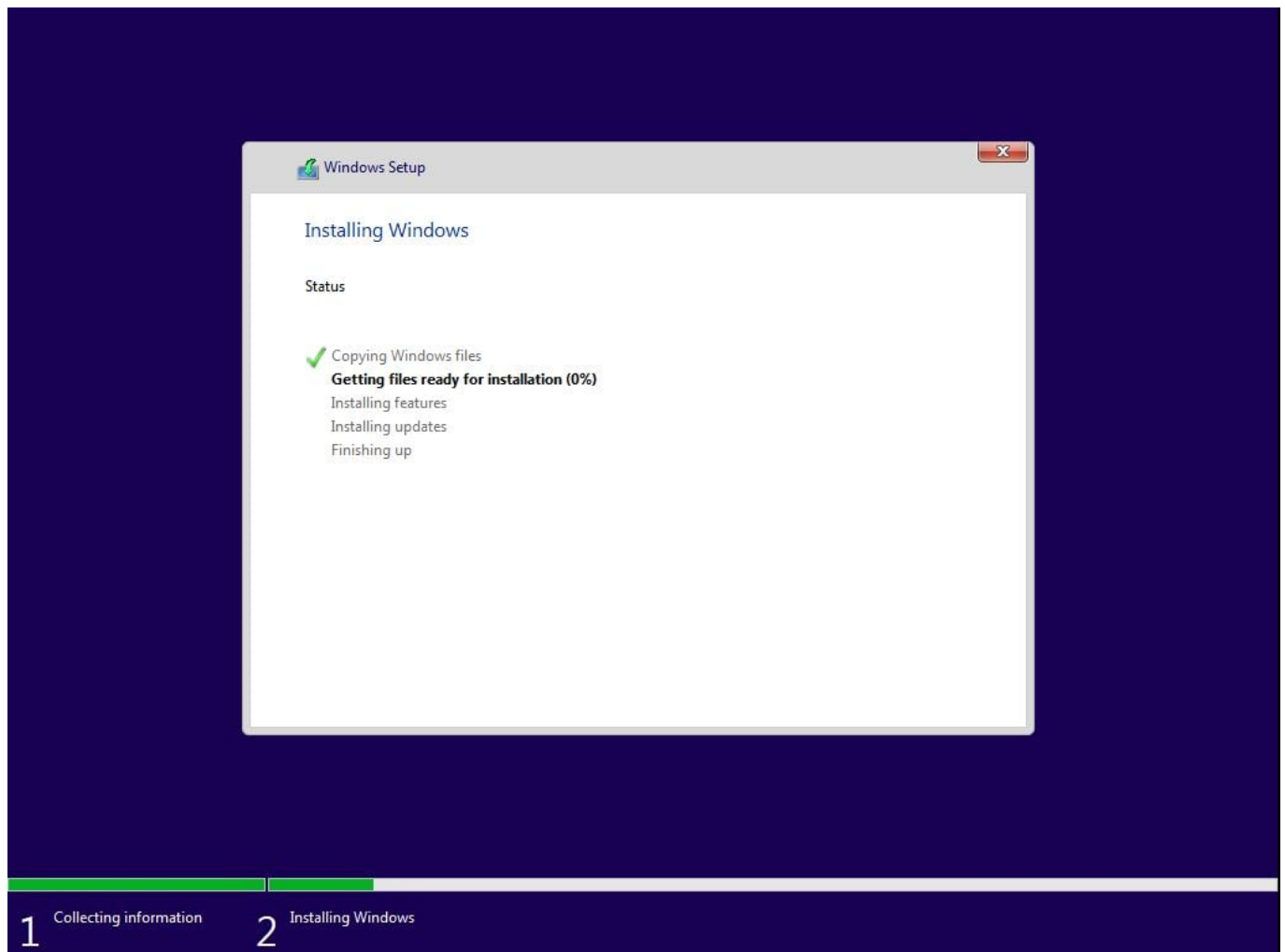
11. After reboot you will be welcomed by Cortana and will be asked to select your Country. Select it and click "Yes".

12. Select your keyboard layout and click "Yes".

Is this the right keyboard layout?

If you also use another keyboard layout, you can add that next.

US

Canadian Multilingual Standard
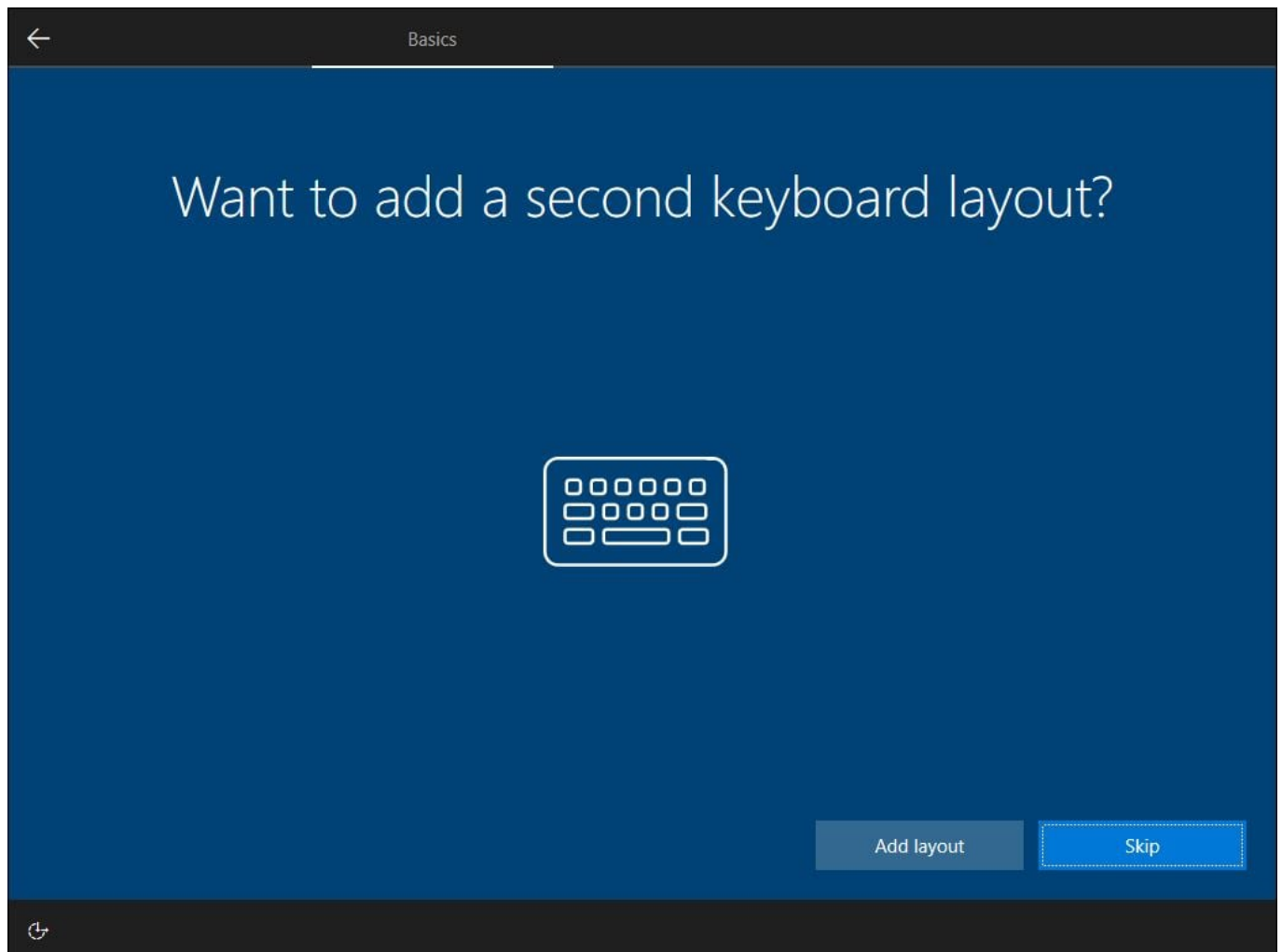
English (India)

Irish

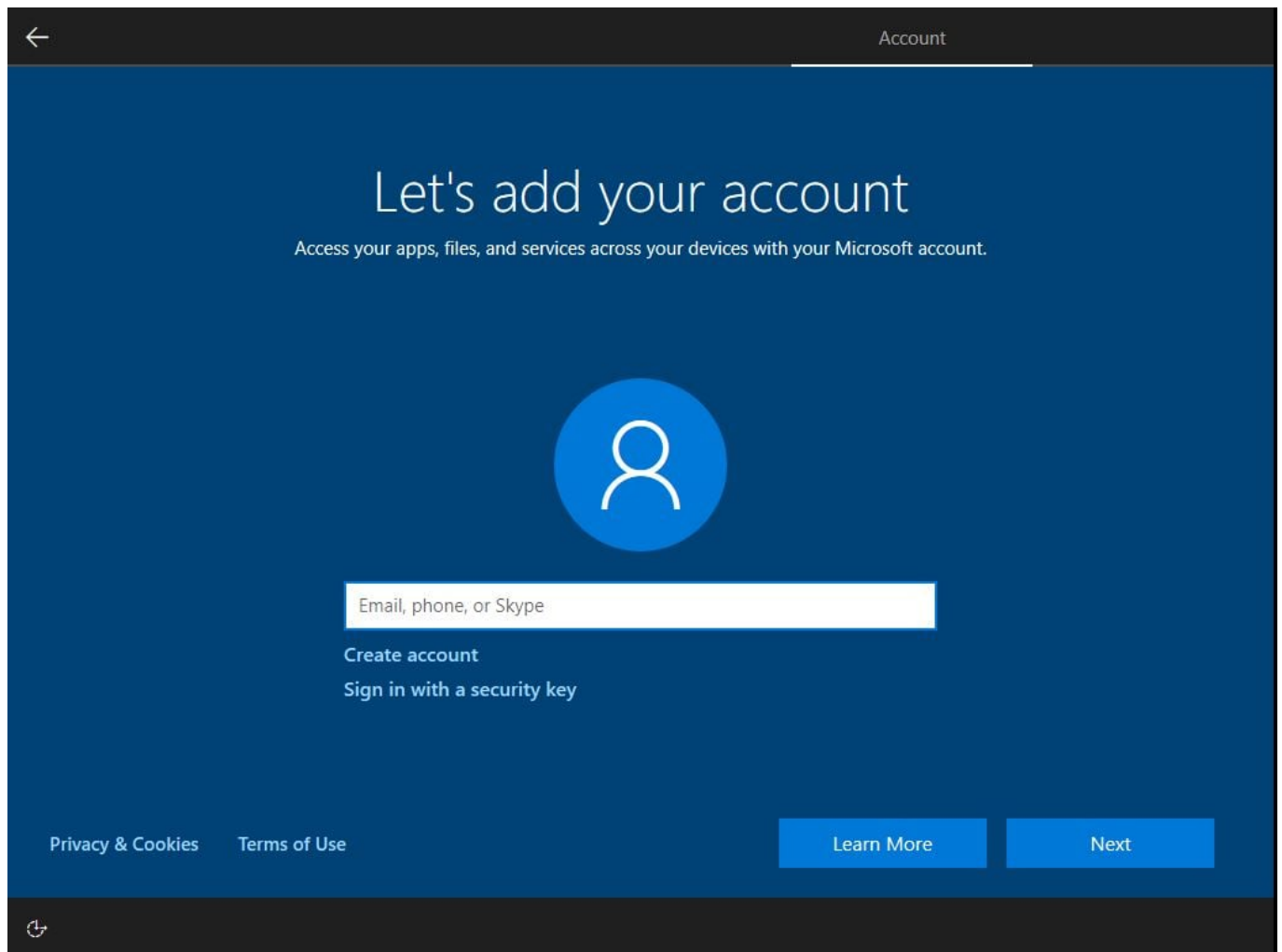Scottish Gaelic

United Kingdom

United States-Dvorak

Yes

13. If you want to select a second keyboard layout you can do it now, if not click "Skip".

14. Now the installer will ask you to sign in to your Microsoft account.

15. Enter the password to your Microsoft account.

Enter your password

Enter the password for

Password

Forgot password?

Back   Next

16. Click "Create PIN" you will be able to use it as an administrator's password for your computer.

Create a PIN

What takes seconds to create and gives you fast and secure sign-in? A Windows Hello PIN! It only works on your device, so it stays off the web.

Create PIN

17. Create a PIN.

18. Choose privacy settings.

19. Customize device. You can set it up later by clicking on "Skip"

Customize your device

Select all the ways you plan to use your device. If you choose to tell Microsoft how you plan to use your device, we'll customize suggestions for tools and services during device setup and your welcome experiences.

Gaming
Play and discover games, keep up with new releases

Schoolwork
Take notes, write essays, and collaborate on projects

Creativity
Bring ideas to life—from novels and presentations to photos and videos

Entertainment
Watch videos, browse the web, and connect on social media

Family
Connect with the whole family, edit safety settings, and give everyone their own profile on this device

Business
Track expenses, manage customers, and run your business

Learn more   Skip   Accept

20. Link your phone. You can set it up later by clicking on "Skip for now"

Use your phone from your PC

Make and take calls

Leave your phone in your pocket when it rings—answer from your PC.

Send text messages

Use your PC's keyboard and larger screen to keep up with the conversation.

Use your mobile apps

Browse, play, order, chat, and more with instant access to your mobile apps from your PC.

After you finish setting up your PC, you'll be asked to set up a companion app on your phone.

Skip for now

Remind me later

21. Cloud backups. You can set it up later by clicking on "Only save files to this PC"

22. Microsoft 365 subscription offer. You can set it up later by clicking on "No, thanks"

23. Gamers' offer. You can set it up later by clicking on "No thanks"

Services

Discover your next favorite game

Get your first month of Xbox Game Pass for PC for $1.00

Enjoy access to over 100 high-quality PC games on Windows 10, with new games and Xbox Game Studios titles added all the time.

After your first month, subscription continues at the regular price ($9.99 plus taxes per month), unless cancelled. Cancel any time to stop future charges. You'll be notified before any price changes.

Terms and Conditions

No thanks

Join for $1.00

24. Enable/disable Cortana. You can set it up later by clicking on "Not now"

Let Cortana help you get things done
To do this, Cortana needs access to some of your personal information

To let Cortana provide personalized experiences and relevant suggestions, Microsoft collects and uses information including your location and location history, contacts, voice input, speech and handwriting patterns, typing history, search history, calendar details, content and communication history from Microsoft services, messages and apps. In Microsoft Edge, Cortana uses your browsing history. You can always change these choices in the Notebook and disable Cortana in Microsoft Edge.

Learn more

Not now

Accept

25. All set! Congratulations

This might take several minutes

Don't turn off your PC